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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Previously Presented) A method for utilizing content objects by a content access point within a customer's premises, wherein the method comprises:

accessing a first content object from a first content object entity within the customer's premises, wherein the first content object is in a first content format compatible with the first content object entity;

abstracting the data type of the first content object to create a second content object in an abstract format, wherein the abstract format is compatible with a plurality of content formats;

distinguishing the data type of the second content object to create a third content object, wherein the third content object is in a second content format that is compatible with a second content object entity within the customer's premises and different from the first content format; and

providing the third content object to the second content object entity.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

accessing a fourth content object from a third content object entity wherein the fourth content object is in a third content format compatible with the third content object entity and different from the first content format and the second content format;

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abstracting the fourth content object to create a fifth content object; and

combining the fifth content object with the second content object, wherein the combination of the second and fifth content objects are distinguished to create the third content object.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content object is a video object, and wherein the fourth content object is an audio object.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein abstracting the first content object includes separating an audio portion from a video portion of the video object.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content object is a video object, and wherein the fourth content object is an Internet object.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

identifying a content object associated with one of the first plurality of content object entities that has expired; and

removing the identified content object.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first content object is a video object, wherein abstracting the first content object includes removing a visual portion of the video object, and wherein the second content object includes an audio portion of the video object.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first content object entity is one of a first plurality of content object entities, wherein the second content object entity is one of a second plurality of content object entities, and wherein the method further comprises:

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       querying each of the first plurality of content object entities to identify a first plurality of content objects; and

       providing an access point, wherein the access point indicates the first plurality of content objects, and one or more of the second plurality of content object entities to which each of the first plurality of content objects can be directed.

       18. - 22.   (Canceled)

       23.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the first content object comprises one of a voicemail object, an email object, a video object, an audio object, a document object, and an Internet web page.

       24.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the third content object comprises one of a voicemail object, an email object, a video object, an audio object, a document object, and an Internet web page.

       25.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the fourth content object comprises one of a voicemail object, an email object, a video object, an audio object, a document object, and an Internet web page.